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19 Jan 53 19/1130Z	Aguadulce, Panana
3. SOURCE	10. CONCLUSION .
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4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Photo sent to newspaper was a fake.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
Not Reported	A newspaper reporter observed an object traveling at a high
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	rate of speed, having intense brilliance, without appearance of any known a/c.
7. COURSE	
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9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE	
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On 27 January 1953, LA HORA, Panama Spanish language daily, printed the following:

"HAVE YOU SEEN THE FLYING SAUCER . . ?

On 17 January 1953 this paper received information that a Flying Disk was seen in the early morning hours over Aguadulce. A reporter of this paper from Chitre on his way to the Capital City observed an object travelling at great speed, having intense brilliance, without the appearance of any known aircraft. This phenomena, seen by the reporter, and not wishing to alarm the public was withheld from publication until today so that the aerial defense of the Panama Canal could be previously alerted."

In an interview with Julio E. BRICENO, Director of the newspaper, it was learned that the picture (Inclosure 2)

reportedly a cultured and educated man. He is a former Mayor of Chitre, highly respected and not subject to hallucinations or sensationalism.

reporter in Aguadulce. reports that there were other witnesses of this object which was sighted about 0630, 19 January 1953. Employees of the nearby Santa Rosa Sugar Mill and residents of the village of Pocri also reported sighting similar or the same object. reports the object as travelling at incredible velocity and having an intense brilliance.

COMMENTS OF THE PREPARING OFFICER: is well known for printing news that will create interest and sensation.

The man assigned the job of illustrating a flying saucer knew so little about photography that he tried to illustrate an object of intense brilliance by scraping a white spot on a negative rather than making a black spot.

It is possible that the whole story is fiction. The editors of the local papers feel that the Public Information Officer at Caribbean Air Command should have released the last similar incident, reported in IR-70-52, to the local press. Their first knowledge of this report came via a Drew Pearson sindicated column. There appears to be some resentment at being scooped.

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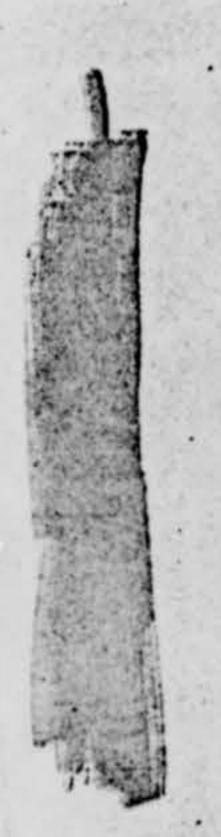
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en la madrugada cerca de la población de Agua dulce.—Mientras un redactor de este periódico se dirigia de la ciudad de Chitré hacia esta capi ral, pudo observar un aparato a gran velocidad igual que con intensa brillantez cruzaba el espacio, sin tener las apariencias de nave aérea conocida. Este fenómeno impresionó de manera particular a nuestro redactor y corresponsal quien no queriendo alarmar mantuvo en reserv a esta información que hoy se dá a la publicidad para que las defensas aéreas del Canal de Pana má informen sobre este suceso.

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